

House Resolution 13

By: Representatives Williamson of the 115th, Coomer of the 14th, Channell of the 120th, O`Neal of the 146th, Lindsey of the 54th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Remembering and honoring the life of First Lieutenant Joseph Dennis Helton, Jr.; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, First Lieutenant Joseph Dennis Helton, Jr., was valiantly and heroically serving
4 his country in Iraq when he was tragically killed in action on September 8, 2009; and

5 WHEREAS, he was accepted at both the United States Military Academy at West Point and
6 the United States Air Force Academy; and

7 WHEREAS, he chose to attend the United States Air Force Academy where he graduated
8 fifth in his class and was the recipient of numerous awards and distinctions; and

9 WHEREAS, he was initially assigned to the 732nd Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron
10 at McDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Florida, and immediately volunteered for overseas duty;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Helton was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with Valor for his
13 fortitude, bravery, and courage; the Purple Heart for his ultimate sacrifice; and numerous
14 other decorations for his exemplary performance and outstanding service; and

15 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Helton, a man of many interests and abilities, was a gifted soccer
16 player and a nascent photographer; and

17 WHEREAS, he leaves behind his parents, Joseph and Jennifer; his sisters, Jeanne, Jessica,
18 and Jordanne; and many other loving family members and friends; and

19 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia, its citizens, and the members of this body have been
20 greatly moved and saddened at the passing of this courageous young man, and all Americans
21 mourn his loss and honor the sacrifice he made to defend the liberty of this great nation.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body join to remember and honor the life and sacrifice of First
24 Lieutenant Joseph Dennis Helton, Jr., and extend their most heartfelt condolences to his
25 family and friends.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of First
28 Lieutenant Joseph Dennis Helton, Jr.